

## 5 Ways To Get Outside in NYC

New York City is a magical place where anything is possible and the impossible or at least unusual happens daily. Unfortunately even visiting can be a financial nightmare. With a little exploration one may find that there is a tremendous life to be had there that will not require weeks of pay for one day of enjoyment.

I have had the fortune (and sometimes misfortune) of spending over a decade in NYC and have ventured into the surrounding boroughs in search of adventure. I have easily found that adventure in ways most would believe fiction. This has sometimes come with a great impact financially. Other times I have enjoyed entire days without opening my wallet and still returned home with the feeling of having been on vacation.

I would like to share just a handful of these recreational ideas that can be actioned with minimal preparation and last minute planning.

This app will allow users to click on a list of activities that are inexpensive. These activities will open up into a description with price ranges and travel options. These option will load directions and provide a few hand selected near by amenities and locations of interest.

Where necessary the app will provide images and hints to optimize the user's experience and maybe even go home with a story.

The ways:

1. The beach. What!? Beach in the city?? Yep, and you have a few choices with different activities at each one.
2. Central Park. Okay everyone knows this one but it's a good one filled with beautiful and sometimes unknown amazement and entertainment. Look out for the boat pond, Shakespeare's Garden, The Central Park Zoo or just bring a blanket and layout on one of the many lawn areas.
3. Smorgasburg. Brooklyn's flea and food market is Saturdays in Williamsburg and Sundays at Prospect Park. Amazing food served from a large selection of trucks at the edge of the river(Saturday) and in the park(Sundays). Great outdoorsy people watching and food! Bring something to sit on and enjoy the views and sunshine for a day.
4. Shakespeare in the Parking lot. Come early for a seat. Bring a seat. Sit on a blanket. Enjoy live Shakespeare performances, FREE!

5. The High Line. Through collaborative efforts in architecture and plant design an abandoned elevated train line has been transformed into a paradise to spend a day reading, walking, eating or people watching. Random art exhibits keep you wondering what is next.